

Private Admonition -- Board Case No. 11, 1995. **Date of Sanction: July 14, 1995.** This matter arose out of a lawyer's representation of a buyer in a real estate transaction. Shortly after the closing, the client received a large bill for a sewer connection fee from which the previous owner was exempt. The lawyer agreed to investigate the matter and report back to the client, but failed to do so for eleven months. The lawyer then promised to advise the client of his options, but failed to do so for another six months. During this seventeen-month period, the lawyer failed to respond to several inquiries from and on behalf of the client.

In exchange for the sanction of a private admonition, as approved by the Preliminary Review Committee of the Board on Professional Responsibility, the lawyer admitted violating **DLRPC 1.3** (lack of diligence) and **DLRPC 1.4(a)** (failure to promptly comply with requests for information). The lawyer had no prior disciplinary record.